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Although more than half of employees at the Polish public TV are women, "stereotypes are still binding in the assignments given to male and female reporters. Women, who are considered to be more sensitive and emotional, deal usually with health and social issues, whereas men discuss politics, cars, and sports. However, some exceptions exist: women update the public with information about the Sejm's work, a woman is Poland's USA correspondent, and one woman reports on sports. Channel Two has undergone complete feminization; most of its anchors are females. Nevertheless, following the stereotypical view of men's intellectual superiority, males usually host game shows. Only Stanis³awa Ryster, who has hosted the "Great Game" contest for years, is an exception. Long-legged assistants whose job is to "decorate" their programmes almost always accompany men."

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